

# RESEMBLANCE OF RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS.

The Liberty of the Wealthy Toward Institutions of Charity.

## RUSSIA CAN GIVE LESSONS

In Some Matters—The Stieglitz School of Applied Arts.

Special Correspondence Associated Press. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Reflective observers discover numerous resemblances between Russia and America, which are not accidental nor mere coincidences. One such resemblance is the liberality of people of wealth toward public institutions. This liberality, almost foreign to the nations from which Russia has borrowed most, is the product, in part, of the same conditions which have lavished private wealth upon the American universities and technical and art schools.

Although Russia is in some respects going to school in America, she is able, through the generosity of private citizens to give lessons in some matters. An instance is afforded by the Baron Stieglitz school of applied arts in this city. It could easily be taken as a model by the patrons of the industrial arts in the United States, who are trying to renege the beautiful and the useful. Competent judges who have seen the Kensington schools and the "Ecole des Arts Decoratifs" at Paris award the palm of merit, completeness of equipment and excellence of design alone considered, to the Baron Stieglitz school.

### Sketch of the School.

This school was established in 1879 with an endowment of 10,000,000 roubles, or more than \$5,000,000, which was given by the will of Baron Alexander Stieglitz. The ministry of finance assumed the administration of this fund, the supervision, the active management having been entrusted to friends of art and to artists. The state gave a site for the school and museum.

The school was opened with a small attendance, and few classes, in 1881. It has been steadily growing and enlarging its field ever since. The museum was opened in 1886.

The buildings, which cost over a million roubles, are admirably adapted to the purpose for which they were designed. The school and the museum are practically under the same roof. Students have only to step out of the class rooms to find themselves in the excellently arranged special collections illustrating the artistic taste of every age and country. The buildings are in themselves a delight to artists, every hall illustrating a different style of decoration.

The school has thirty-three teachers and 200 students. An annual exhibition of the work of the school is given every January.

### Plan of Instruction.

The plan of the instruction is liberal. There is a four years' course in science and languages, including religious instruction, literature, elementary geometry, the theory of shades and perspectives, Russian history, general history, and the history of the fine arts and applied arts, elementary anatomy, chemistry and technology, the methods of drawing, practical aesthetics, and the French and German languages.

The school is under the general direction of M. Kotoff, and the museum is under the charge of M. Carbonier. Pupils are of both sexes. They must stand an entrance examination, and must be over 14 years of age. There are regular pupils, who receive a diploma as "skilled draughtsmen" upon their completion of the course, and pupils in elective branches. The fees are moderate and applied exclusively to the uses of the school proper.

The result of this investment is that, instead of procuring all of their furniture and articles of vertu and bric-a-brac from France and England, as used to be the case, the wealthy Russians are now patronizing home talent to a large extent. Side by side with the shops with imported goods may be found large ateliers for every sort of decoration.

### Colonials are Wanted.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 21.—The colonial office is anxious to get many Canadians as possible to join Baden-Powell's Transvaal mounted police. If 1,000 Canadians volunteer for this service it is the intention of the imperial government to offer ten captaincies and fifteen lieutenantcies in the force to qualified officers of the Canadian militia. The pay for men is five shillings per day from the date of landing in Cape Town, with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

### "Potatoes" Wanted.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 24.—On petition of members of the Ingham county bar, Judge West, of the Ingham county circuit court, to-day ordered Governor Pingree to appear in court next Saturday and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt.

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The signature of the agreement by the ministers closes what is regarded here as the first, the most important and the most difficult phase of the negotiations as to China, for it is not doubted that the Chinese envoys will subscribe to the agreement, without amendment. Its conclusion has been marked by one of the most curious mistakes in the history of international exchange, for by a cipher error, the majority of the signatories found to their amazement that they had contracted to do exactly what they did not intend, and moreover, the error was irretrievable.

### Wreck on Colorado.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A special to the Tribune from Monterey, Mexico, says: Particulars of a disastrous wreck of a northbound passenger train on the Mexican National Railroad, in which a score of persons were injured, have just reached here. The accident happened near Salatrana, in the state of Son Luis Potosi. The track spread and the engine jumped the track and turned over. The sleeping car, which was filled with passengers, among them being a number of Americans, followed the express and baggage cars, and on top of these were piled the first and second class coaches. Over twenty persons are reported to have been injured. Engineer Dupree and Conductor Wilson were painfully scalded.

### An Indian Outbreak.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Advices have been received from Sitka, Alaska, stating that that town is in a condition of suppressed excitement, fearing an outbreak of Indians. The United States marines stationed there are under arms and the marshal and deputies are taking every precaution to protect the whites in case of trouble. The aspect of affairs is very serious at Sitka, as the Indians are by far the strongest numerically. There are fifty-eight marines, commanded by Captain Pendleton, at Sitka.

### Feared the Reporters.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Chief of Police Joseph Kipley, whose failure to arrive here from Washington on the regular Baltimore and Ohio train last night gave rise to rumors that he had disappeared, was found at his home to-day. "I left the regular train at Garrett, Ind., last night to escape the reporters, who, I was told, were waiting for me," said Mr. Kipley. "I caught an oyster train later, and arrived at 5 a. m. Reporters chased me all over the south because of that foolish rumor that I was trying to evade the grand jury investigation. I'm ready for the jury if it wants me."

### McDonald Still Alive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Samuel McDonald, the treasury clerk who shot and killed Frank H. Morris, auditor for the war department, Saturday, and then attempted suicide, was reported to be better this morning. Last night he had a sinking spell, and it was thought at the hospital that he could not survive until morning.

### Car Works Burns.

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### Still Another.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 24.—Horst Clayberg, a seventeen-year-old boy, whose father, John B. Clayberg, is a prominent citizen of Helena, Mont., was kidnapped in this city last night by two men. The boy was blindfolded and compelled to walk to Mattawan, a distance of eleven miles. It became so stormy that the kidnappers released young Clayberg at Mattawan after robbing him of the small sum of money he had in his pockets. The boy telegraphed here for help and was brought home during the night. The sheriff and a force of deputies have been working on the case since Clayberg's return.

### THE RAILROADS.

The past month has been one of the busiest months of the year in the freight department on all the railroads leading out of the city, and has been a surprise to freight agents of the different roads. As a rule the freight business drops about the beginning of December and is slack until after the first of the year. This month it has almost doubled in comparison with December of 1899, and bids fair for a steady continuance.

At the Pan Handle, Baltimore & Ohio and Wheeling & Lake Erie freight has been piled in all the available space that can be found and the freight agents are kept hustling to keep it moving. It is generally conceded that this has been the busiest December in freight traffic ever experienced in Wheeling.

### Has the Limit Been Reached?

A prominent trunk line's proposal to establish an eighteen-hour passenger train between New York and Chicago has aroused some discussion as to the rate of speed at which railroad trains can be safely run. According to the Buffalo Commercial, the best scientific opinion is that it would be inexpedient for railway managers to run trains for long distances at a higher speed than from fifty-two to fifty-three miles an hour, not because a higher rate of speed is impossible, but because the problem of stopping becomes so much more difficult after high speed has been attained, and the consequent increase of danger.

### Changes of Officials.

The pension system to be introduced on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, on January 1, will make a number of changes on that system, and among them two of some importance. R. F. Smith, the president of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, and the superintendent of the voluntary relief department, is said to be within the age limit, and will be retired. John F. Miller, the general superintendent of the northwest system, at Columbus, is another who will be struck. No statement has been made as to even a possible successor to Mr. Smith, but reports have been dealing with Mr. Miller's successor for some time. The general belief is that Mr. Peck, the superintendent of the Pittsburgh division, will be the man. In this case some look upon Mr. Scriven, the superintendent of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh division, as a logical successor to Mr. Peck. The general impression on this score, however, is that Mr. Scriven is needed badly where he is. He is known as one of the best superintendents along the line of the road, and his division has the largest tonnage of any on the entire system, seeing the heavy iron, ore and coal interests stationed along it. Mr. Scriven has made such a conspicuous success of this division that few look for him to be transferred.

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## MINE WORKERS' OFFICIAL

Jailed on a Six Months' Term in Maryland, for Assault.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—William Warner, organizer of the United Mine Workers, and leader in the recent miners' strike in the George's Creek district entered the Maryland house of correction yesterday to serve a term of six months imprisonment imposed upon him by the courts of Allegany county for participation in an assault upon non-union men during the strike. With him were five others convicted and sentenced for the same offense and six others are behind the bars of the Allegany county jail for shorter terms. Warner and his companions were shaved, their hair was clipped short and striped clothes were put upon them, as is the case with ordinary malefactors. Strong efforts are being made to induce Governor Smith to pardon Warner, as it is generally believed that his offense was more technical than actual, his contention being that he was attempting to prevent the strike rather than inciting it, as was claimed by the prosecution at the trial.

### MULTUM IN PARVO.

Training. Somehow it never dawns upon a girl in love that lighting the parlor fire for her steady in the practice given her for lighting the fires after she is married.—Aitchison Globe.

### To an Extreme.

"I believe in being kind to the birds and all that," said Miss Hankypank, "but I do think Clara Decker carries it too far."

### Getting Them Out of the Way.

Some people's idea of the beginning and end of a fight toward kin is to frame their pictures in big gold frames and hang them in the parlor.—Aitchison Globe.

### Getting On.

Hubby—Well, how is the new cook getting on?  
Wife—She's just getting on her things to leave.—Judy.

### Only Fooling Themselves.

It is folly for a pair of fond lovers to gaze into each other's eyes in public and try to persuade themselves that the observing public isn't next.—Chicago News.

### Better Dispense With Friends.

One way to keep your friends is to buy what they have for sale, but don't try to sell them anything.—Aitchison Globe.

### Swing Dem Sisters.

Thow some white rain on dat do! Put some crizum on dat bow! Dis huh's crizum for her sho!—Swing dem sisters!

### Do dat of time fiddle proud!

Call de liggers—call 'em loud! Who da dance in all de crowd? Swing dem sisters!

### Wonders rattlin', en de wall!

Shakin' lak he gwine ter fall! Come in one, come in all!—Swing dem sisters!

### Careful Speaker.

"What did you expect to prove by that exceedingly long-winded argument of yours?" asked the friend and neighbor. "I didn't expect to prove anything," answered the orator. "All I hoped for was to confuse the other fellow, so that he couldn't prove that I didn't prove anything."—Answers.

### Good in Everything.

There is space for good to bloom in Every heart of man or woman, And however wild or human Or however belted with gall, Never heart may beat without it. And the darkest heart to doubt it Has something good in it all. After all.—James Whitcomb Riley.

### Excitement Subsidized.

A man may be in love with his wife, But it is a kind of love that no longer worries him.—Aitchison Globe.

### On Saturday Morning.

A sixteen-year-old girl's idea of helping with the house-work begins ends with cleaning up the parlor.—Aitchison Globe.

### LIVE STOCK.

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Lambs Higher.

CHICAGO—Cattle, receipts 9,500 head; market active; steers 10¢20c higher; butchers' stock 10¢ higher; good to prime steers \$5 40¢25; cows, \$2 50¢; 4 25; bulls steady at \$2 40¢30. Hogs, receipts to-day, 25,000 head; estimated left over 2,000 head; market opened 5¢10c higher, closing easy; mixed and butchers \$4 70¢55. Sheep, receipts 7,000 head; sheep and lambs active at 15¢25c higher; good to choice wethers \$3 75¢4 60; native lambs \$4 20¢50.

### EAST LIBERTY—Cattle higher; extra, \$5 40¢55; common, \$3 00¢35.

Hogs active and higher; prime mediums and best Yorkers \$5 20¢25; light Yorkers and pigs \$5 15¢20; roughs, \$3 00¢4 75. Sheep slow; choice wethers \$3 00¢4 10; choice lambs \$5 10¢55. Veal calves \$6 00¢7 50.

### UNION STOCK YARDS.

Wheeling, Dec. 21. Cattle—Steady; extra, 1,000 to 1,200, \$4 25¢4 50; good, 900 to 1,000, \$3 75¢4 25; 800 to 900, \$3 25¢3 75; 700 to 800, \$2 50¢3 25; 600 to 700, \$2 00¢2 50; cows, \$1 50¢2 50. Hogs—Active; extra, \$4 50¢5 00; good, \$4 25¢4 50; common, \$4 00¢4 50. Sheep—Slow; extra, \$3 00¢3 50; good, \$2 00¢3 00. Lambs, \$1 00¢2 25. Calves, \$1 00¢2 25. Fresh cows, \$2 00¢4 00 per head.

### Dry Goods.

NEW YORK—The dry goods market to-day was quite on the holiday order and business reported was limited in all directions. There was no change in the tone for either cotton or woolen goods, nor any alteration in prices. Print cloths were inactive at previous prices. The market will be closed to-morrow.

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